

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A protection device for use during outside activities for protection of a wearer against crawling insects such as deer ticks carrying Lyme Disease comprising a set of protection elements, each protection element of said set of protection elements comprising:

an elongate substrate having a first, inner surface and an opposite, second, outer surface, a first, inner adhesive layer adhered upon said first, inner surface of said substrate and having an adhesive surface that, upon exposure, releasably adheres said protection element upon a clothing surface in a region adjacent to a clothing opening, and

a second, outer adhesive layer adhered upon said second, outer surface of said substrate and having an adhesive surface that, upon exposure, acts to impede advancement of insects crawling upon the clothing surface into contact with the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer from proceeding theracross toward a clothing opening.

2. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, further comprising an inner release sheet mounted upon the adhesive surface of said first, inner adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface to adhere said protection element upon a clothing surface.

3. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising an outer release sheet mounted upon the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface to at least impede advancement of the crawling insects across the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer.

4. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, further comprising, in said set of protection elements, a release sheet having a first surface removably mounted upon the adhesive surface of said first, inner adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface of said first, inner adhesive layer to adhere said protection element upon a clothing surface and an opposite second surface removably mounted upon an opposed adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer and removable to expose the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer to at least impede advancement of the crawling insects across the adhesive surface of said second, outer adhesive layer.

5. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein said set of protection elements comprises protection elements for multiple types of clothing openings.

6. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein said set of protection elements comprises at least one protection element sized and configured to adhere upon a clothing surface in a region of at least one clothing opening selected from the group of clothing openings consisting of: waist band, shirt collar, shirt front, shirt sleeves, and pant cuffs.

7. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1 or claim 6, wherein said set of protection elements comprises at least one pre-configured protection element pre-configured to accommodate a corresponding clothing opening.

8. (original) The protection device of claim 7, wherein said at least one pre-configured protection element is pre-configured for length.

9. (original) The protection device of claim 7, wherein said at least one pre-configured protection element is pre-configured for shape.

10. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein said set of protection elements has the form of a roll.

11. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein said set of protection elements has the form of a sheet.

12. (previously presented) The protection device of claim 1, wherein said protection element further comprises a shield portion extending outwardly from a plane of said substrate relative to and generally above said second, outer adhesive layer.

13. (original) The protection device of claim 12, wherein said shield portion is an integral extension of said substrate.

14. (original) The protection element of claim 13, wherein said shield portion has the form of a curved, outward extension of an edge portion of said substrate.

15. (original) The protection element of claim 13, wherein said shield portion has the form of a protrusion from the second, outer surface of said substrate.

16. (currently amended) A method for protection against insects such as deer ~~tick~~ ticks carrying Lyme Disease crawling upon a clothing surface of a wearer toward a clothing opening, said method comprising the steps of:

a) selecting a protection element from a set of protection elements comprising an elongate substrate having a first, inner surface and an opposite, second, outer surface, a first, inner adhesive layer adhered upon the first, inner surface of the substrate and having an adhesive surface, and a second, outer adhesive layer adhered upon the second, outer surface of the substrate and having an adhesive surface;

b) exposing the adhesive surface of the first, inner adhesive layer;

c) applying the adhesive surface of the first, inner adhesive layer to a clothing surface to removably attach the protection element to the clothing surface adjacent to a clothing opening; and

d) exposing the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer to impede advancement of insects crawling upon the clothing surface from proceeding across the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer, toward the clothing opening.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of adhering the protection element generally below a clothing opening to impede advancement of insects crawling generally upward toward the clothing opening.

18. (original) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of removing a release sheet to expose the adhesive surface of the first, inner adhesive layer.

19. (original) The method of claim 16 or claim 18, comprising the further step of removing a release sheet to expose the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, further comprising delaying removal of the release sheet to expose the adhesive surface of the second, outer adhesive layer until arriving in a region where protection is desired.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of adhering at least one protection element in a region of at least one clothing opening selected from the group of clothing openings consisting of: waist band, shirt collar, shirt front, shirt sleeves, and pant cuffs.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising repeating the steps a) through d) to adhere protection elements in regions of additional clothing openings.